



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** City Council Policy Regarding Impartial Analyses, Arguments, and Rebuttal Arguments for any Measure(s) Brought before the Voters at the November 7, 2006, General Municipal Election

**MEETING DATE:** May 17, 2006

**PREPARED BY:** City Clerk

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution regarding impartial analyses, arguments, and rebuttal arguments for any measure(s) that may qualify to be placed on the ballot for the November 7, 2006, General Municipal Election.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The State of California Elections Code sets forth that whenever any city measure(s) qualifies for a place on the ballot, the governing body may direct the city elections official to transmit a copy of the measure(s) to the City Attorney for preparation of an impartial analysis. The Elections Code further sets forth the process for receiving arguments for and against the measure(s) and for the submittal of rebuttal arguments.

The City Council is hereby requested to adopt a resolution regarding impartial analyses, arguments for and against any measure(s), and for the submittal of rebuttal arguments as set forth in the State of California Elections Code for any measure(s) that may qualify to be placed on the ballot for the November 7, 2006, General Municipal Election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** N/A

  
Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk

Attachment

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**APPROVED:**

  
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI, CALIFORNIA,  
SETTING FORTH THE COUNCIL'S POLICY REGARDING IMPARTIAL  
ANALYSES, ARGUMENTS, AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR ANY  
MEASURE(S) THAT MAY QUALIFY TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT  
FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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WHEREAS, the State of California Elections Code sets forth that whenever any city measure(s) qualifies for a place on the ballot, the governing body may direct the City Elections Official to transmit a copy of the measure(s) to the City Attorney for preparation of an impartial analysis. The Elections Code further sets forth the process for receiving arguments for and against the measure(s) and for the submittal of rebuttal arguments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby set forth the following as it pertains to any measure(s) that may qualify to be placed on the ballot for the November 7, 2006, General Municipal Election:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of any measure(s) that would qualify to be voted upon at the November 7, 2006, General Municipal Election to the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure(s), showing the effect of the measure(s) on the existing law and the operation of the measure(s).

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby determine that written argument for or against any city measure may be submitted pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California. No argument shall exceed 300 words in length.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby determine that rebuttal arguments may be submitted pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words in length.

Dated: May 17, 2006

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2006-98 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held May 17, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson,  
Mounce, and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk